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REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action dated August 8, 2007. Claims 15, 17-20, 22-25, 27-30 and 32-34 are pending. Claims 15, 20, 25 and 30 are independent, and have been amended herein. By this Amendment, claims 16, 21, 26 and 31 have been cancelled.

In the Office Action, claims 15, 18-20, 23-25, 28-30, and 33-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by International Publication No. WO 0013426 (Cho).

In the Office Action, claims 16, 17, 21, 22, 26, 27, 31 and 32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cho in view of International Publication No. WO 00/07401 (Aftelak).

By this Amendment, independent claims 15, 20, 25 and 30 have been amended to include the limitations of (now cancelled) dependent claims 16, 21, 26 and 31 respectively. Consequently, applicants' remarks are directed to traversing the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) based on the combination of Cho and Aftelak.

For a proper rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the prior art reference, or references when combined, must teach or suggest all the claim limitations (MPEP 706.02(j)).

Applicants submit that neither Cho nor Aftelak, either alone, or in combination, teach or suggest all of the features of amended independent claim 15. For example, neither Cho nor Aftelak, either alone, or in combination, teach or suggest, a radio communication system that

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includes "a primary station operable to transmit a random access channel status message indicating an availability of random access channel resources," and "wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available on a first random access channel."

As conceded in the Office Action, Cho does not teach or suggest a radio communication system "wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available on a first random access channel." For this limitation, the Office Action relies on Aftelak. Applicants submit, however, that Aftelak does not cure the deficiencies of Cho.

Aftelak describes that "a subscriber [(remote)] unit wishing to access the network will typically access the best serving cell, which is normally the closest base station. However ... if there is a large number of subscriber units within [the] cell ... it can choose to access [another] cell instead." (See Aftelak at page 8, lines 23-27). This description by Aftelak is very different from the claimed "a primary station operable to transmit a random access channel status message indicating an availability of random access channel resources," and "wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available on a first random access channel" of the present application.

Aftelak also describes that "different subscriber [(remote)] units can have different capabilities. Some subscriber units may ... support a low data rate transmission whereas other subscriber units are also able to support high data services ... [and that] [t]his information can be included in the information ... transmitted to the subscriber units." (See Aftelak at page 8, line 29 to page 9, line 2). Again, this description by Aftelak is not the same as the claimed "a

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primary station operable to transmit a random access channel status message indicating an availability of random access channel resources," and "wherein the random access channel status message further indicates which data rates are available on a first random access channel" of the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allowance of Claim 15 is respectfully requested.

Independent Claims 20, 25 and 30 as amended, recite similar subject matter as Claim 15 and therefore contain the limitations of Claim 15. Hence, for at least the same reasons given for Claim 15, Claims 20, 25 and 30 are believed to be allowable over Cho in combination with Aftelak. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) and allowance of Claims 20, 25 and 30 is respectfully requested.

As to dependent claims 17-19, 22-24, 27-29, and 32-34 which depend from Claims 15, 20, 25 and 30, respectively, they too are believed to satisfy the requirements for statutory subject matter under 35 USC §103(a) for at least the same reasons given above for Claims 15, 20, 25 and 30. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections under 35 USC 103(a) is respectfully requested.

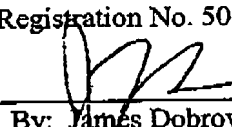
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In view of the above remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the present
application is respectfully requested.

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